Export of wheat

†171. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the countries with whom import/export of wheat has been made during last three years;

(b) whether any efforts have been made by Government to raise export of wheat during the said period; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the result achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) The countries from which wheat imports have been made are Australia and Bangladesh.

The major countries to which wheat has been exported during the last three years are Bangladesh, Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Socialist Republic of Vietnam and Republic of Korea.

(b) and (c) Vide the Directorate General of Foreign Trade notification No. 49 (RE-2001) 1997—2002 dated 5.3.2002, quantitative restrictions on exports of wheat have been dispensed with. Restrictions of registration of export contracts for wheat and wheat products with Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) have also been dispensed with. Some of the other steps taken to boost export of wheat include publicity campaigns, sending delegations abroad, participating in international trade fairs, inviting potential buyers, conducting market surveys, and reimbursing certain WTO admissible costs on account of marketing and transport.

The total quantity and value of export of wheat during the last three years are as under:—

Year	Quantity (lakh MT)	Value (Rs. crores)
2000-01	8.13	415
2001-02	26.49	1330
2002-03	36.71	1760
2003-04 (Apr.-Nov., 2003)	25.06	1405

(Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta)

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